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SUBJECT : CLINTON OIL ABANDONS PLANS FOR DRILLING IN ZONE 4  
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REFA) STATE 59475 (B) STATE 63768

1. TED FINDEISS CALLED ON COMMATT MARCH 26. WHILE APPRECIATING  
OFFER FOR EMBASSY OFFICER TO ACCOMPANY HIM ON CALL TO  
CHINESE PETROLEUM CORPORATION (CPC) HE STATED IT WAS CLINTON'S  
PREFERENCE TO MAKE INITIAL CALL(S) ALONE.

2. FINDEISS SUBSEQUENTLY ADVISED EMBASSY THAT CPC WHEN  
INFORMED THAT CLINTON HAD ABANDONED PLANS TO DRILL IN ZONE 4  
WAS DISAPPOINTED BUT ACCEPTED DECISION WITH APPARENT  
UNDERSTANDING.

3. CLINTON IS PROPOSING TO CPC THAT THEY RELINQUISH (IF  
ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY) ZONE 4 CONCESSION IN EXCHANGE FOR  
PROMISING BLOCKS IN A RELINQUISHED AREA LOCATED IN  
LESS DISPUTED WATERS. IF CPC IS AGREEABLE TO THIS  
PROPOSAL CLINTON WILL THEN DETERMINE WHICH AREAS  
HOLD PROMISE AND MAKE PLANS TO DRILL AS ORIGINALLY  
REQUIRED.

4. FINDEISS AT MOMENT IS OPTIMISTIC THIS ARRANGEMENT  
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CAN BE WORKED OUT BUT ANTICIPATES EXTENDED AND DIFFICULT

NEGOTIATIONS. CLINTON HOPES TO AVOID RESORTING TO FORCE  
MAJEURE CLAUSE IF CPC PROVES DIFFICULT BUT IF NECESSARY  
WILL DO SO. FYI - IF A CLAIM OF FORCE MAJEURE BECOMES  
NECESSARY IT WILL BE FOR "DE FACTO" AND NOT "LEGAL"  
REASONS.  
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